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SUBJECT: TDB SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION

1. SUMMARY: TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD ENDED SPECIAL SESSION EVENING MARCH 21 WITHOUR RECONCILIATION GROUP B AND GROUP 77 POSITIONS ON DDII REVIEW AND APPRAISAL ITEM. GROUP B PAPER CONTAINING ANALYSIS OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION, BRIEF STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND SHORTFALLS IN REALIZING DDII GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, AND STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN FORTHCOMING MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISES WILL BE FORWARDED IN BOARD REPORT ALONG WITH SIMILAR DOCUMENTATION SUBMITTED BY G-77 AND EAST EUROPEAN GROUP. BOARD ALSO PASSED RESOLUTIONS AND TOOK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECISIONS RELATING TO OTHER AGENDA ITEMS AS OUTLINED

BELLOW. PRG CREDENTIALS ISSUE WAS NOT RAISED. END SUMMARY.

2. IT DID NOT PROVE POSSIBLE TO RECONCILE GROUP B AND G-77 DIFFERENCES OVER REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND REACH SET OF AGREED CONCLUSIONS ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH WAS PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEM AT SPECIAL TDB SESSION. FIFTEEN PAGE G-77 DOCUMENT, WHICH DESPITE RELATIVELY MODERATE TONE WAS REPLETE WITH OBJECTIONABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE STATEMENTS AND PROPOSALS, PRODUCED TOO LATE IN SESSION (MARCH 19) TO PERMIT SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS. EFFORT IN PRESIDENT'S CONTACT GROUP TO MERGE IT WITH PAPERS SUBMITTED BY GROUP B THUS FOREDOOMED. ONLY DOCUMENT AGREED WAS BRIEF EIGHT PARAGRAPH SUMMARY STATEMENT PREPARED BY PRESIDENT, PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO PROVIDE CONTEXT AND COVERING FRAMEWORK FOR SEPARATE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY GROUPS INDIVIDUALLY. THESE SEPARATE DOCUMENTS NOW FORM PART OF TDB REPORT WHICH BEING FORWARDED TO ECOSOC, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY BODIES WHICH WILL CONDUCT FURTHER WORK ON MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL.

3. ATTITUDES - ALTHOUGH NIGERIA MADE PROVOCATIVE STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE ON BEHALF G-77 WHICH BECAME BASIS FOR G-77 DOCUMENT REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE, GENERAL G-77 APPROACH TO BOARD'S WORK ON R&A WAS MODERATE AND NON-POLEMICAL ON THE WHOLE. LDC LEADERS AT SESSION WERE CLARK (NIGERIA), CHADHA (INDIA), AND LAI (MALAYSIA). LATINS DID NOT PLAY PROMINENT ROLE, PERHAPS PARTLY BECAUSE ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP OF LA GROUP NOW HELD BY CHILE. EXCEPT FOR ONE OCCASION WHEN HE MADE POLEMICAL INTERVENTION IN CONTACT GROUP, ALGERIAN REP'S ROLE WAS RELATIVELY MUTED WHEN IN PRESENCE OF GROUP B. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND ALGERIA WAS VERY ACTIVE IN PUSHING HARD LINE POSITIONS WITHIN GROUP-77.

4. UNDER ABLE CHAIRMANSHIP OF TEESE (AUSTRALIA) GROUP B REMAINED RELATIVELY COHESIVE, MANAGING TO QUICKLY PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT GROUP B STATEMENT AT BEGINNING OF SESSION AND SUBSEQUENTLY, WITH MUCH LABOR, AND PARTICULARLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EC-9 FOOTDRAGGING, THE SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTATION CITED PARA 1 ABOVE. SCANDINAVIANS, DUTCH, AND FRENCH GENERALLY PULLED AWAY FROM "SENSITIVE" OR FORTHRIGHT LANGUAGE, WITH FRENCH SHOWING PARTICULAR RELUCTANCE TO ANY MENTION OF ARAB OIL EARNINGS. JAPAN AND FRG WERE GENERALLY CONSERVATIVE. US PUSHED FOR MORE INFORMATIVE, POSITIVE EXPRESSION GROUP B VIEWS. MANY GROUP B MEMBERS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT GROUP'S UNITY

ENABLED IT PRODUCE COMMON TEXTS AND TO TAKE INITIATIVES--  
SOME CONSIDERING IT NEW HIGH POINT IN GROUP B COHESIVENESS  
WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE  
WITHOUT THE EFFECTIVE GROUNDWORK LAID AT EARLIER  
PARIS MEETING.

5. IN ADDITION THE 6TH SPECIAL SESSION TOOK SEVEN  
DECISIONS AND PASSED TWO RESOLUTIONS. THE DECISIONS  
RELATED TO (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND  
PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC  
ORDER; (2) COMPREHENSIVE TRADE ORGANIZATION; (3) INTEGRATED  
APPROACH TO COMMODITIES; (4) INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN  
EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS; (5) EXTERNAL  
DEBT PROBLEMS OF LDCS; (6) PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD IV;  
AND (7) ARRANGEMENTS FOR WORK IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.  
THE TWO RESOLUTIONS RELATED TO (1) INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S  
YEAR; AND (2) COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

6. THERE WAS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT TO THE DECISIONS  
TAKEN. THE BOARD NOTED THE SYG'S REPORT IN IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND REQUESTED THE PROGRAM  
BUDGET WORKING PARTY AND RESUMED 14TH BOARD TO CONSIDER  
THE QUESTION FURTHER AND SEND REPORT AND COMMENTS  
THEREON TO 58TH ECOSOC. IT REQUESTED UNCTAD SYG TO  
KEEP THE CTO PROBLEM UNDER REVIEW, REPORTING ON NEW  
DEVELOPMENTS. IT APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
COMMODITIES COMMITTEE ON RESUMED SESSIONS OF THAT  
COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER ELABORATION OF THE INTEGRATED  
PROGRAM CONCEPT. IT EXPRESSED THE HOPE UNESCO WOULD  
CONTINUE WORK ON PROBLEMS OF TRADE OF EDUCATIONAL AND  
SCIENTIFIC MATERIALS. IT ALSO REFERRED THE REPORT OF  
THE AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS OF DEBT PROBELSM TO THE  
15TH TDB ALONG WITH THE PERTINENT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL  
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IMPLICATIONS. THE BOARD SET THE DATES FOR THE 7TH  
SPECIAL SESSION OF THE TDB (PREPARATORY FOR UNCTAD IV)  
AS 8-19 MARCH 1976 AND FOR UNCTAD IV DATES AS 3-28  
MAY 1976. THE SECRETARIAT'S PAPER ON THE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR WORK IN THE AREAS OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (TD/B/L.380)  
WAS APPROVED.

7. TEXTS OF THE THREE GROUP STATEMENTS, THE PRESIDENT'S  
COVEING STATEMENT ON DDII, THE DECISIONS OF THE BORARD  
AND THE TWO RESOLUTIONS FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

8. THE RESOLUTION ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR WAS  
MAINLY COMMEMORATIVE. GROUP B ENDEAVORED TO AMEND THE  
RESOLUTION TO EXHORT THE UNCTAD SECRETARY GENERAL TO  
IMPROVE THE BALANCE BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN THE

PROFESSIONAL RANKS WITHOUT SUCCESS, BUT SUCCEEDED IN HAVING ITS EFFORTS REFLECTED IN THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING. THE RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WAS LONG ARGUED IN A WORKING GROUP OF THE CHAIR'S CONTACT GROUP. THE MAIN DIFFICULTIES WERE UNACCEPTABLE REFERENCES TO THE PLAN OF ACTION AND AN EFFORT BY THE G-77 TO CONVENE A GROUP OF EXPERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ONLY TO ASSIST THE SYG IN IMPLEMENTING DECISION 121 (XIV) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD. THE G77 EVENTUALLY AGREED TO MORE PALATABLE REFERENCES TO THE PLAN OF ACTION IN FACE OF AN ADAMANT GROUP B POSITION AND BACK AWAY FROM EXCLUDING OTHER STATES FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE GROUP OF EXPERTS IN THE FACE OF JOINT GROUP B AND D OPPOSITION. DALE

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